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3. 4 References; and
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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**REFERENCES**

- ☒ The Applicants wish to make of record the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☒ Listed on the attached PTO form 1449 is information known to persons substantively involved in the preparation of the application identified above, and is not a representation that more pertinent information does not exist.
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- ☐ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- ☐ No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- ☒ This information disclosure statement is being filed within three months of the filing of the within application and/or **prior to a first Office Action** on the merits being mailed.

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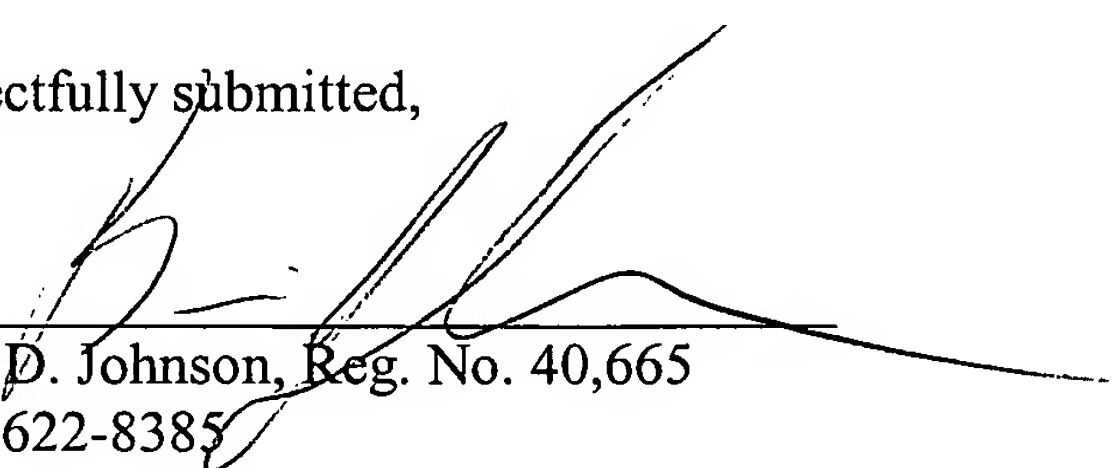
- ☒ Applicants hereby request consideration of the attached information.

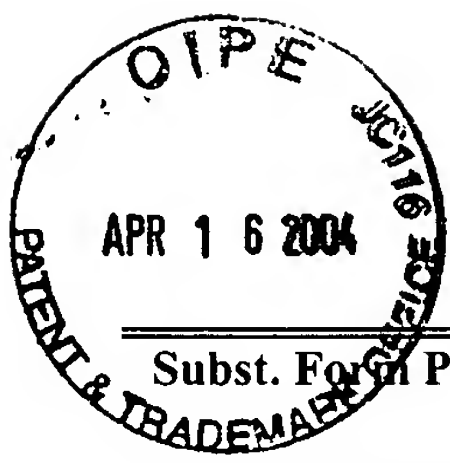
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Initial*		Document No.	Date	Name	Class	Subcl.	Filing Date
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## OTHER PRIOR ART

	AJ	International Search Report dated January 14, 2004.
	AK	IBM Discovery Link product information, <a href="http://www-1.ibm.com/industries/lifesciences/doc/content/solution/939513321.html">www-1.ibm.com/industries/lifesciences/doc/content/solution/939513321.html</a> .
	AL	IBM Life Sciences Solutions: Turning Data into Discovery with DiscoveryLink product information, March 2002.
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